

# **Abbreviated Preliminary Assessment for GVD Property (Formerly a Kootenai County Landfill Site)**

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## Introduction

This is an abbreviated preliminary assessment (APA) for the GVD property in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. This document provides the rationale for the determination of "other action." This site will be referred to the State solid waste program. Therefore, no additional analysis or site investigation is necessary from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the GVD property. Section 1 provides the APA checklist filled out by the assessor to determine that an APA was warranted and that no further action is required from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The following sections contain additional relevant information and evidence to support the APA, including historical and geologic information (Section 2), photographs (Section 3), maps (Section 4), and references generated during the site visit or desktop research (Section 5).

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**Site Name:** GVD Property

**Previous Names (aka):** Moen Site, formerly a Kootenai County landfill site

**Site Owner:** GVD Commercial Properties

**Address:** 1106 West 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Spokane, WA 99204

**Site Location:** The site is currently vacant land between the 1600 block of West Appleway and Lee Court in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho  
Township 50 North, Range 4 West, Section 2

**Latitude:** 47.70713°N      **Longitude:** -116.80576°W

### Description of release (or potential release) and its probable nature:

The GVD property was investigated by DEQ on October 18, 2012, for potential releases of heavy metals by airborne, surface water, or ground water pathways. Additionally, DEQ investigated potential discharges of other deleterious materials, such as petroleum products. No deleterious materials, petroleum products, or ground water seepage were evident at the site during the October 18<sup>th</sup> inspection. However, earlier inspections, during proposed development, identified that solid waste landfilling had occurred on the site in the past. Contaminant release to the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer below the site cannot be excluded by the site inspections.

## Section 1. APA Checklist

### Task 1—Superfund Eligibility Evaluation

Assessor, if all answers are “no,” continue to task 2; otherwise, explain any “yes” answers below and then skip to task 3.

	YES	NO
1. Is the site currently in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Information System (CERCLIS) or an “alias” of another site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the site being addressed by some other remediation program (i.e., federal, state, or tribal)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Are the hazardous substances that may be released from the site regulated under a statutory exclusion (e.g., petroleum, natural gas, natural gas liquids, synthetic gas usable for fuel, normal application of fertilizer, release located in a workplace, naturally occurring, or regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act, or Occupational Safety and Health Administration)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Are the hazardous substances that may be released from the site excluded by policy considerations (i.e., deferred to Resource Conservation and Recovery Act corrective action)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there sufficient documentation to demonstrate that there is no potential for a release that constitutes risk to human or ecological receptors (e.g., comprehensive remedial investigation equivalent data showing no release above applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs), completed removal action, documentation showing that no hazardous substance releases have occurred, or an EPA-approved risk assessment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Assessor, please explain all “yes” answer(s):

**Regarding question 5:** Site inspection involving direct observations do not confirm that contaminants of concern, including hazardous materials do not exist in concentrations that present a threat to human health or the environment. Existing photographs demonstrate the site was a solid waste landfill site used on occasion by the City of Coeur d’Alene and /or Kootenai County. The nature of the material landfilled at this site is unknown. No airborne pathways currently exist to any of the nearby residences or commercial establishments. Several residences are within a quarter mile of the GVD Property. Public water systems have wells near the property as part of their source water area. The assessment to establish impact to the designated sole source Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer would be more costly than simple removal of the waste by the responsible parties: the City of Coeur d’Alene and/or Kootenai County. The cost to drill ground water monitoring wells on the property to assess ground water impacts would be \$20,000 per well. The three wells required for monitoring would cost \$60,000. Backhoe and haul truck time to remove the waste to a properly sited and approved landfill facility (Fighting Creek) would likely be less than a fifth of this cost.

### Task 2—Initial Site Evaluation

If information is not available to make a “yes” or “no” response below, further investigation may be needed. In these cases, the assessor should determine whether an APA is appropriate.

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**If the answer is “no” to *any* of questions 1, 2, or 3, proceed directly to task 3.**

	YES	NO
1. Does the site have a release or a potential to release?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the site have uncontained sources containing CERCLA-eligible substances?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Does the site have documented on-site, adjacent, or nearby targets?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If the answers to questions 1, 2, and 3 above were *all* “yes,” then answer questions 4–7 before proceeding to task 3.**

	YES	NO
4. Does documentation indicate that a target (e.g., drinking water wells, drinking surface water intakes, etc.) has been exposed to a hazardous substance released from the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there an apparent release at the site with no documentation of exposed targets, but targets are on site or immediately adjacent to the site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there an apparent release and no documented on-site targets or targets immediately adjacent to the site, but targets are nearby (e.g., within 1 mile)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there uncontained sources containing CERCLA hazardous substances, a potential to release with targets present on site or in proximity to the site, but no indication of a hazardous substance release?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Notes:**

The GVD property is located in a commercially zoned area of Coeur d’Alene. Solid waste materials were evident during earlier site visits. Although no discharge to the surface occurs, discharge of contaminants to the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer cannot be easily confirmed or rejected.

During the site assessment, DEQ used references from several different documents, including United States Geological Survey (USGS) maps, county tax rolls, and historical reports. These documents often have different spellings for claim names, town sites, and/or geographic features. DEQ has retained the spelling from the original source document.

Table 1 parallels the questions above and should be used by the assessor to make decisions during task 3. Table 1 identifies different types of site information and provides some possible recommendations for further site assessment activities based on that information. The assessor should use Table 1 in determining the need for further action at the site, based on the answers to the questions in task 2. Assessors should use professional judgment when evaluating a site. An assessor’s individual judgment may be different from the general recommendations for a site given below.

**Table 1. Site assessment decision guidelines for a site.**

<b>Suspected/Documented Site Conditions</b>	<b>EPA-Recommended Site Assessment Activities</b>
1. There are no releases or potential to release.	APA
2. No uncontained sources with CERCLA-eligible substances are present on site.	APA
3. There are no on-site, adjacent, or nearby targets.	APA
4. There is documentation indicating that a target (e.g., drinking water wells, drinking surface water intakes, etc.) has been exposed to a hazardous substance released from the site.	APA → SI or PA/SI
5. There is an apparent release at the site with no documentation of exposed targets, but there are targets on site or immediately adjacent to the site.	APA → SI or PA/SI
6. There is an apparent release and no documented on-site targets and no documented targets immediately adjacent to the site, but there are nearby targets. Nearby targets are those targets that are located within 1 mile of the site and have a relatively high likelihood of exposure to a hazardous substance migration from the site.	Full PA
7. There is no indication of a hazardous substance release, and there are uncontained sources containing CERCLA hazardous substances, but there is a potential to release with targets present on site or in proximity to the site.	Full PA

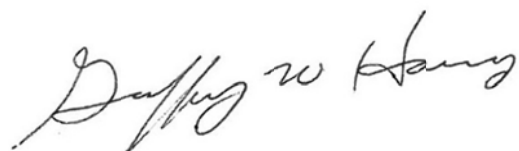
### Task 3—DEQ Site Assessment Decision

When completing task 3, the assessor should use task 2 and Table 1 to select the appropriate decision. For example, if the answer to question 1 in task 2 was “no,” then an APA is appropriate and the “NRAP” box below should be checked. Additionally, if the answer to question 4 in task 2 is “yes,” then two options are available (as indicated in Table 1): (1) proceed with an APA and check the “Lower Priority SI” or “Higher Priority SI” box below or (2) proceed with a combined PA/SI.

**Check the box that applies based on the conclusions of the APA checklist:**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Remedial Action Planned (NRAP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Defer to NRC   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Higher Priority SI                | <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Removal Program   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lower Priority SI                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Site is being addressed as part of another CERCLIS site                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Defer to RCRA Subtitle C          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: This site will be referred to the State solid waste program. |

**DEQ Reviewer:**



Geoff W. Harvey

December 24, 2012



**Please explain the rationale for your decision:**

Site inspections involving direct observations confirmed that potential contaminants of concern, including derivatives from solid waste, may exist in concentrations that present a threat to human health or the environment. The GVD property is located near occupied commercial buildings in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Although no hazardous materials were evident during the site visits, solid waste is documented as landfilled on the site. Further assessment of waste generated contaminants impact on the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer would be far more expensive than removal of the waste to a subtitle D permitted facility.

As a result of DEQ's research and observations, the department recommends that the GVD property be referred to the DEQ solid waste removal program to work with the parties responsible for the landfill to remove the waste. Sections 2 through 5 provide further support for this determination.

**Section 2. Geologic Information**

Numerous sources were used during desktop research prior to visiting the site. DEQ could not improve or expand upon these reports by writing additional geological text, so they are directly quoted below.

**Geologic Features:** The following is the description of the general area of the GVD property, which is located on the much broader aquifer, is from the Spokane Valley – Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer Atlas: 2009 Update developed by the cooperating aquifer management agencies of Washington and Idaho:

“The sole source of water for most people in Spokane County, Washington and Kootenai County Idaho is a large underground rocky formation containing high quality water called the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer.”

The atlas describes in detail the unconfined physical nature of the aquifer, its flow dynamics, and its susceptibility to pollution from land uses above it such as the land filling on the GVD property.

**Section 3. Site Conditions and Photographs**

All of the GVD property photographs in this section were taken by DEQ or others on October 18, 2012.

Photo 1 shows the currently vacant GVD property site.



**Photo 1. GVD property viewed from the northwest to southeast.**

Photo 2 shows the solid waste exposed during a 2009 excavation of the property.



**Photo 2. Solid waste located on the GVD Property following excavations in 2009.**

Photo 3 shows typical solid waste excavated on the GVD property in 2009.



**Photo 3. Solid waste excavated on the GVD property in 2009.**

## Section 4. Maps



**Figure 1. Location of the GVD Property in Coeur d'Alene in Kootenai County, Idaho.**

(Source: Google Earth)



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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
**WELL DRILLER'S REPORT**

Office Use Only			
Inspected by			
Twp	Rge	Sec	
1/4	1/4	1/4	
Lat	Long		

**1. WELL TAG NO.** D0054460  
Drilling Permit No: 850843  
Other IDWR No. 95-6468

**2. OWNER** Well Number: 1403  
Name: SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER  
Address: 401 1/2 SHERMAN AVE. STE. 207  
City: COEUR D' ALENE State: ID Zip: 83814

**3. LOCATION OF WELL by legal description**  
Sketch map location must agree with written location

Twp. 50N	North or South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North	<input type="checkbox"/> South
Rge. 04W	East or West	<input type="checkbox"/> East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> West
Sec. 3	NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4		
Gov't Lot	County	KOOTENAI	
Latitude: N47:42:345		Longitude: W116:48:690	

Address of Well Site: RAMSEYRD  
City: COEUR D' ALENE

(Give at least name of road + Distance to Road or Landmark)  
Lt. Blk. Sub. Name

**4. USE:**  
☐ Domestic ☐ Municipal ☐ Monitor ☐ Irrigation  
☐ Thermal ☒ Injection ☐ Other

**5. TYPE OF WORK** check all that apply (Replacement, etc.)  
☒ New Well ☐ Modify ☐ Abandonment ☐ Other

**6. DRILL METHOD**  
☒ Air Rotary ☐ Cable ☐ Mud Rotary ☐ Other

**7. SEALING PROCEDURES**

SEAL/FILTER PACK	AMOUNT	METHOD
Material	From To Sacks or Pounds	
BENTONITE	0 18 600 LBS	TEMP / OVERBOR

Was drive shoe used? ☒ Y ☐ N Shoe Depth(s) 260  
Was drive shoe seal tested? ☐ Y ☒ N How?

**8. CASING/LINER:**

Diameter	From To Gauge	Material	Casing	Liner	Welded	Threaded
12	+3 300 .250	STEEL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Length of Headpipe 5 Length of Tailpipe

**9. PERFORATIONS/SCREENS**  
☐ Perforations Method  
☒ Screens Screen Type JOHNSON SS

From To Slot Size	Number	Diameter	Material	Casing	Liner
260 300 80	2	10	SS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**10. STATIC WATER LEVEL OR ARTESIAN PRESSURE:**  
138 ft. below ground Artesian pressure lb.  
Depth flow encountered 280 ft. Describe access port or control devices:

**11. WELL TESTS:**  
☐ Bailer ☒ Air ☐ Flowing Artesian  
Yield gal./min. Drawdown Pumping Level Time

Water Temp. COLD Bottom Hole Temp. COLD  
Water Quality test or comments: CLEAR  
Depth first Water encountered 138

**12. LITHOLOGIC LOG:(Describe repairs or abandonment)**

Bore Diam	From	To	Remarks: Lithology, Water Quality, Temperature	Water	Y	N
18	0	18	Soil, Sand & Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	18	60	Soil, Sand & Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	60	138	Sand & Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14	138	192	Sand & Gravel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14	192	255	Sand	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14	255	277	Sand & Pea Gravel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14	277	300	Sand & Gravel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

RECEIVED  
APR - 3 2008  
IDWR/North

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Completed Depth 300 (Measurable)  
Date: Started 3/17/2008 Completed 3/24/2008

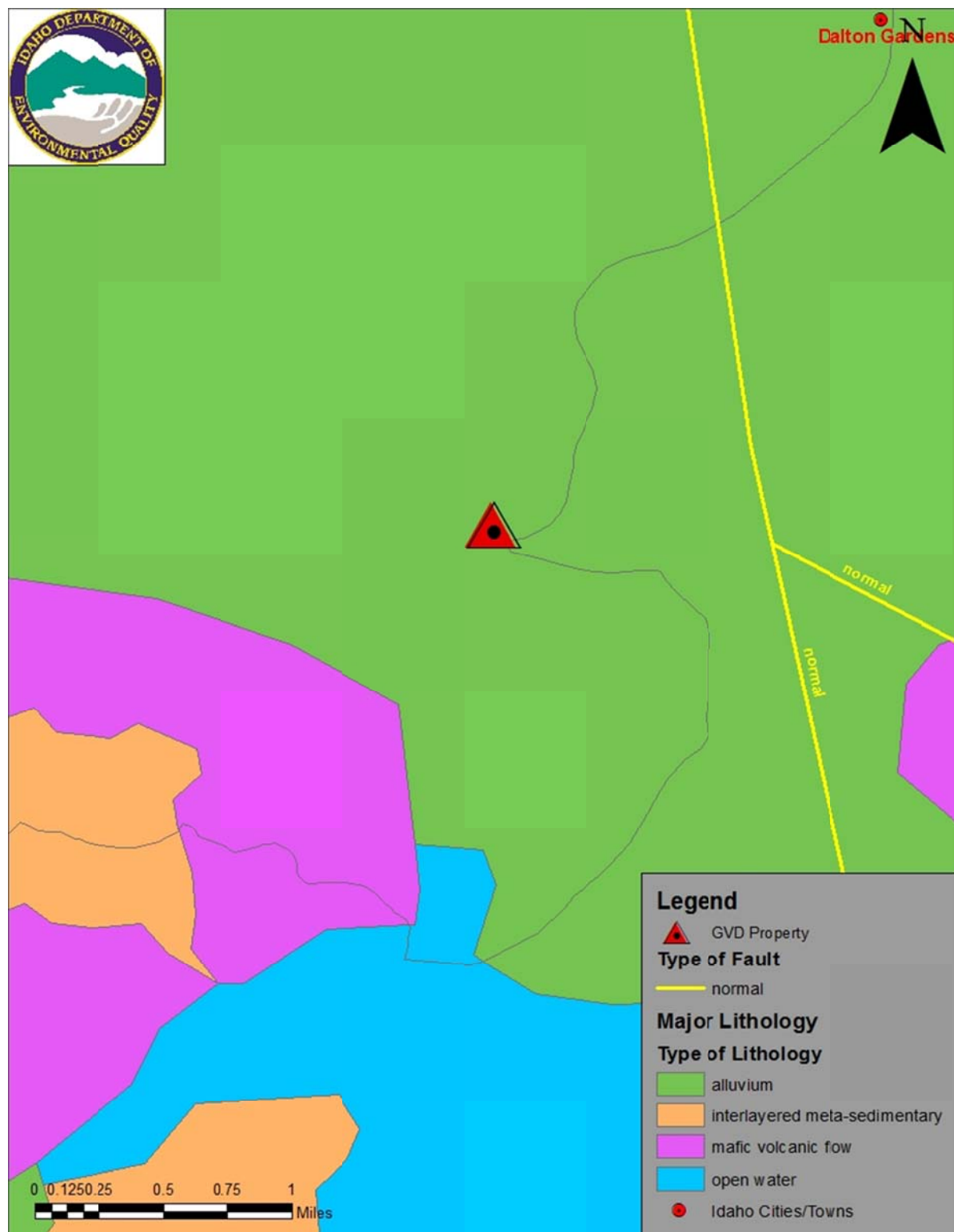
**13. DRILLER'S CERTIFICATION**

I/We certify that all minimum well construction standards were complied with at the time the rig was removed.

Firm Name H2O Well Service, Inc. Firm No. 448  
Firm Official Date 3-24-08  
and  
Supervisor or Operator Date 3/24/2008  
TODD MORGAN (Sign Once if Firm Official and Operator)

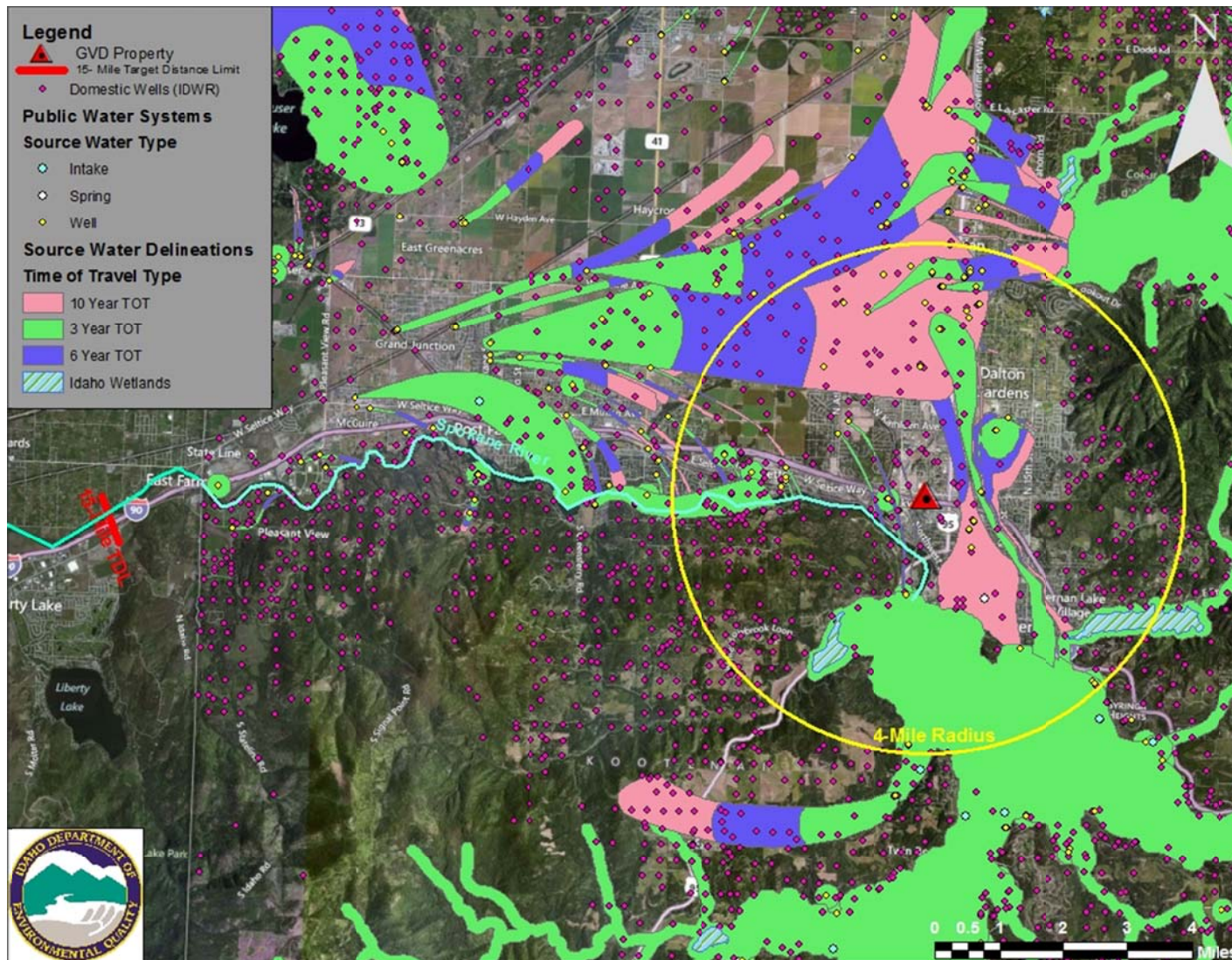
**Figure 2. Well log demonstrating the general subsurface lithology in the vicinity of the GVD property.**

(Source: IDWR well log for a geothermal well located at the Kroc Center 0.35 mile northwest of the GVD property.)



**Figure 3. Map of major lithology in the vicinity of the GVD property.**

(Source: SDE Feature Class, USGS 1995. Idaho GIS ArcSDE 9.2 Geodatabase)

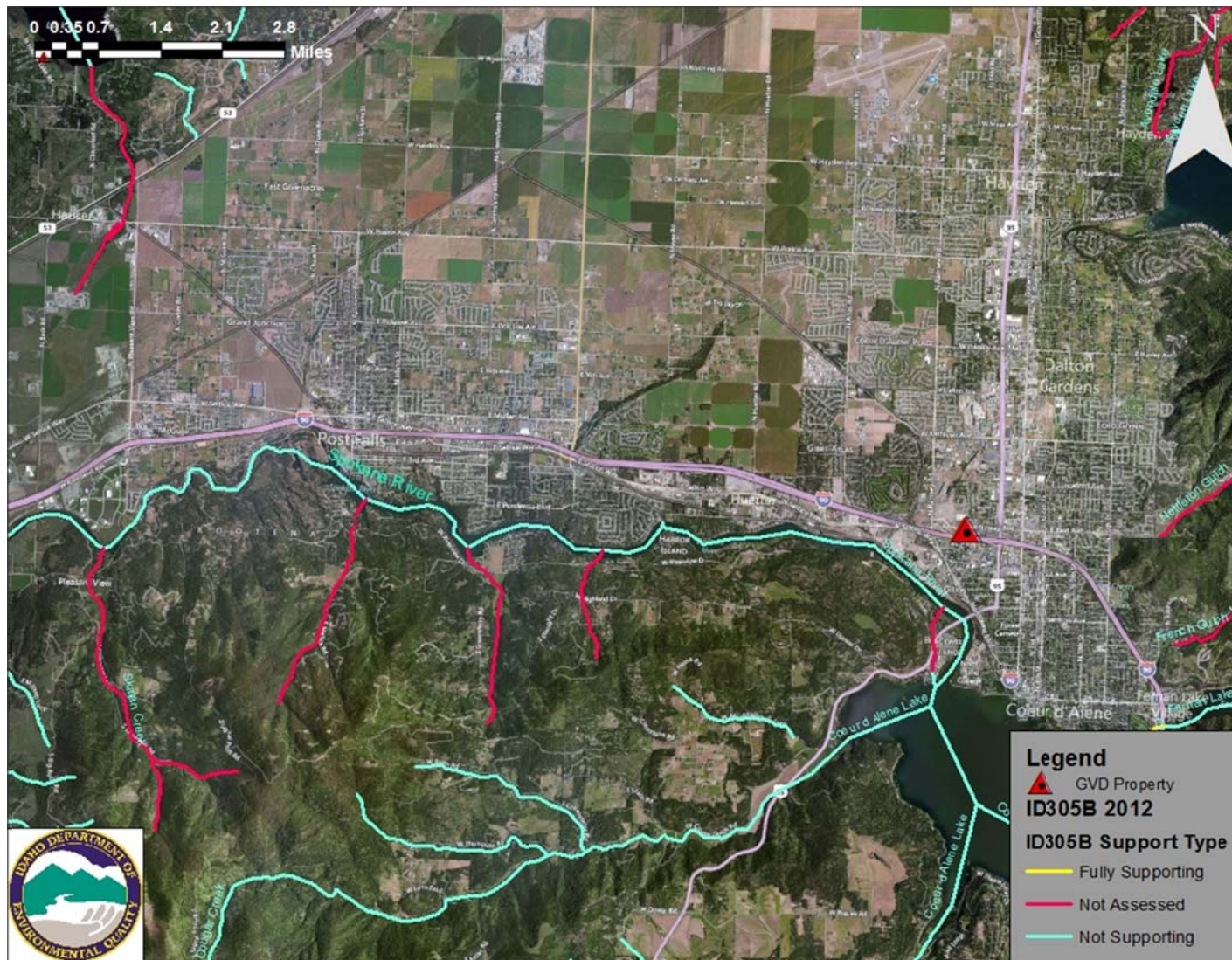


**Figure 4. Domestic well and public water system locations.**

There are several domestic well locations or public water systems within the 4-mile radius, 15-mile target distance limit (TDL). There are two significant wetlands within a 4-mile radius or in the general area.

(Source: Microsoft Virtual Earth Aerial with Labels © 2009 Microsoft Corporation.)

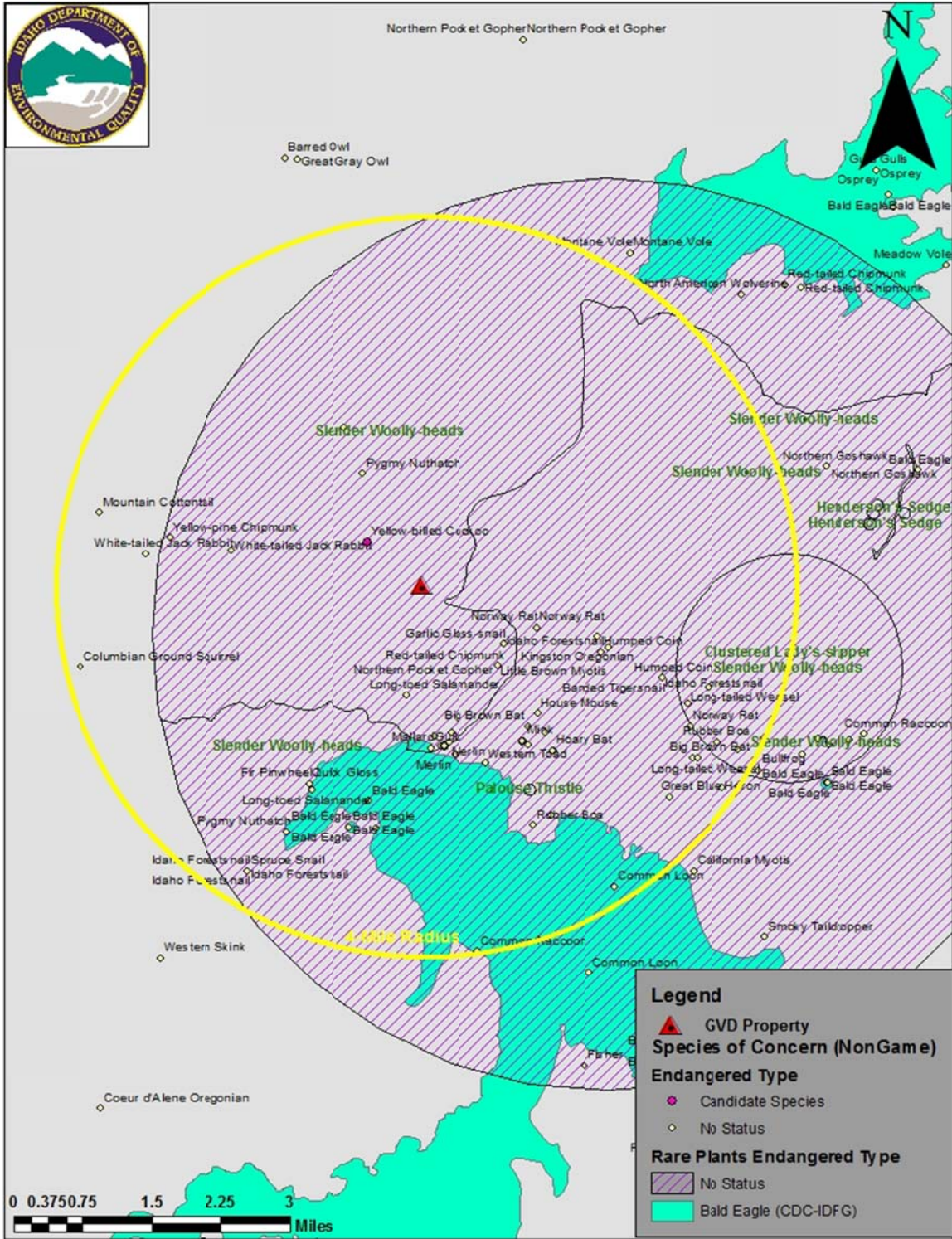




**Figure 5. Sensitive streams located in the vicinity of the GVD property.**  
 The Spokane River is listed as “not supporting.”

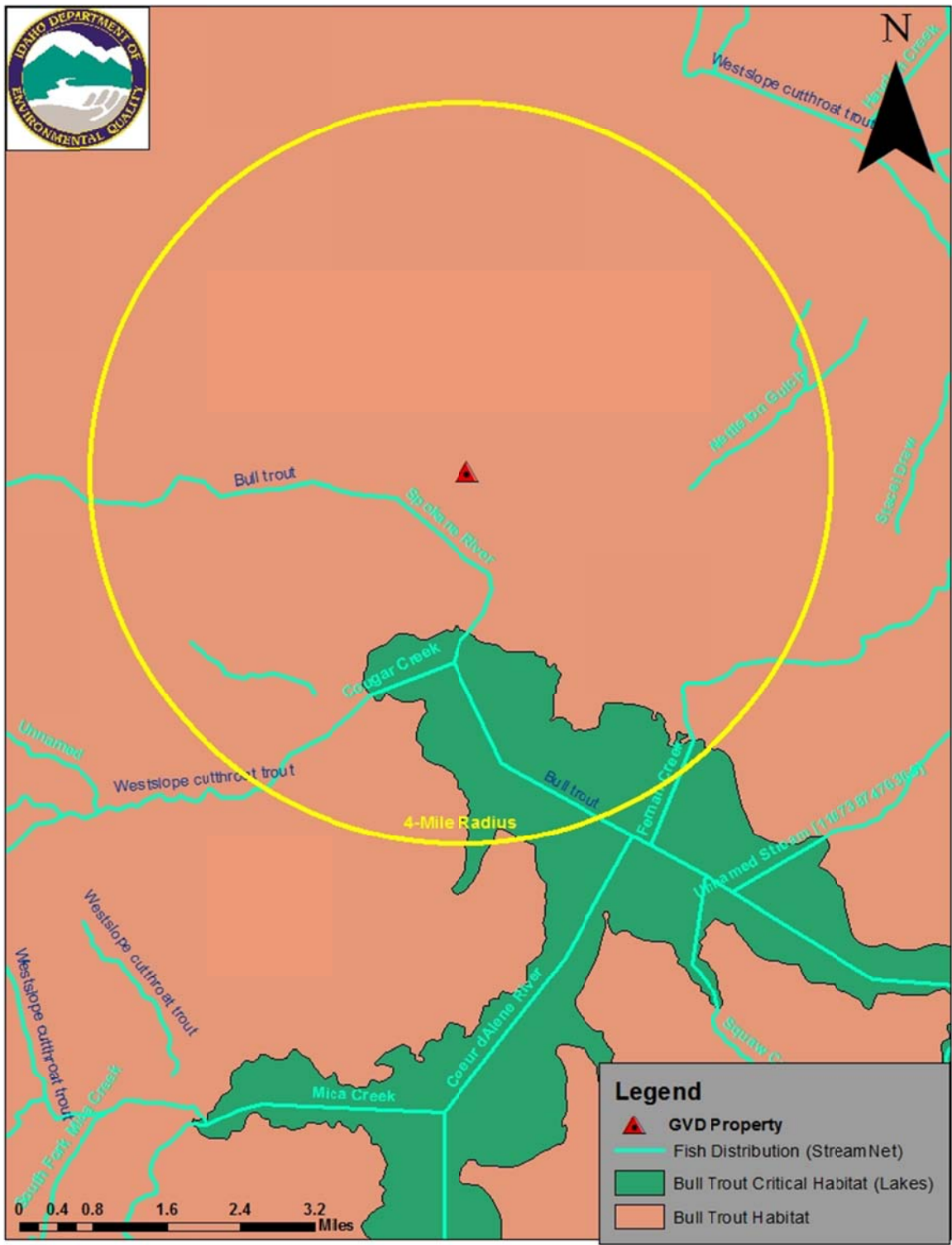
(Source: Microsoft Virtual Earth Aerial with Labels © 2009 Microsoft Corporation)





**Figure 6. Plant and nongame animal species within 4-mile radius and surrounding area of the GVD property.**

(Source: SDE Feature Dataset, Animal Conservation Database. Idaho GIS ArcSDE 9.2 Geodatabase)



**Figure 7. Fishery sensitive species within 4-mile radius and surrounding area of the GVD property.**  
(Source: SDE Feature Dataset, Animal Conservation Database. Idaho GIS ArcSDE 9.2 Geodatabase)

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